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REPORT ON PATENTABILITY AND WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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Sir:

Submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner are:

- 1) An English version of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability; and
- 2) An English version of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2-4, 7-8	YES
	Claims	1, 5-6, 9-13	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 2003-330436 A (Hitachi Ltd.), 19 November 2000

Document 2: JP 2002-271337 A (Seiko-Epson Corp.), 20 September 2002

Document 3: JP 10-039966 A (Hitachi Ltd.), 13 February 1998

Document 4: JP 2002-2233218 A (Toshiba Corp.), 9 August 2002

Document 5: JP 2003-258809 A (Canon Inc.), 12 September 2003

The inventions set forth in claims 1 and 9-13 do not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 and document 2, cited in the international search report. A person skilled in the art could easily conceive of applying a means for monitoring communication status disclosed in document 2 in the invention disclosed in document 1, for analysing and displaying the communication status.

The inventions set forth in claims 5 and 6 do not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 and document 2, cited in the international search report.

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
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Individual communication devices are also distinguished and displayed by the monitoring means disclosed in document 2.

The inventions set forth in claims 2-4 and 7-8 are not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the international search report, and are not obvious to a person skilled in the art.